

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 342

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Donald W. Seals on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. Seals is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for almost thirty-three years with federal and state government and who will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born in Morristown to the late Grant and Elizabeth Morelock Seals, Donnie Seals was stationed with the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carriers USS Hancock and USS Hornet; he served two tours of duty in the Far East and the South China Sea; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Walters State Community College, Mr. Seals served as President of the Veterans Club and was a member of the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Seals began his employment with the state as Veterans Advisor at Walters State Community College prior to becoming Veterans Employment Representative with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, after receiving an Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Mr. Seals became an active and important part of the Morristown community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Hamblen County Chapter of the March of Dimes, for which he has served as Chair; the Hamblen County Desert Storm Coalition; the American Legion, for which he has served as Post Commander and District Commander; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; AMVETS; the Chamber of Commerce Veterans Council, for which he has served as Chair; during his tenure with the Veterans Council, the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials were purchased and erected on the Hamblen County Courthouse lawn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seals also contributes his time and numerous talents to chairing Veterans Day Parades and Activities and Memorial Day Services; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Seals has been the recipient of Tennessee's Incentive Award, naming him as one of the top Veterans Employment Representatives in the State; a Presidential Citation from President Jimmy Carter for Outstanding Community Achievement of a Vietnam Veteran; the AMVETS Department Commander's Distinguished Service Award; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Meritorious and Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Seals is an active member of the Russellville Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Seals is grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife, Jewel Kinsler Seals; his children, Dr. Richard Seals and Leah White; and his four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. Seals exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Donnie Seals has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Donald W. Seals our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.